

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2013

Present: David Gogel, Mickey Toler, Chuck Painter, Tara Lloyd, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam

Absent: Al Logsdon

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:00 P.M.

Minutes

Gogel said there was a correction that needed to be made on the July 16th minutes. The date for letting bids needed to be changed from July 20th to August 20th. With that correction Toler made a motion to approve the minutes from July 16th. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved. Toler made a motion to approve the minutes from August 6th as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Highway Report

Painter reported that the work in Villa Ova was complete and county road 200 W going to the winery is done. On County Road 1550 shoulder stone is going down, once that is done, we will put the seal coat on and that road will be done. We are caught up on CEDIT roads, other than 400, but it looks really good so we may wait until next spring on that one. Some district roads still need to be done, if the weather holds we should get them done.

Toler asked about the sealer that the state had put on 161. Painter said it was only cosmetic; it doesn't actually do anything for the road.

Toler then asked if we needed to have a sit down meeting to discuss our bridge situation. He said that he had went through the bridge report and was going to get a spread sheet put together with their recommended dollar figures, the bridge numbers and where they are located. Lloyd said she and Painter always go through the bridge report and sometimes disagree with their prioritized list, because they are going on rating and structure, and we go on location.

Engineer Report

Lloyd passed out a copy of the press release from INDOT explaining the short term solution at the intersection of State Road 66 and Orchard Road, which is installing a traffic signal. The long term solution is installation of a roundabout at that location in 3 to 5 years.

Toler said that he had some complaints from tractor trailer drivers coming from Evansville on State Road 66, making the turn toward Owensboro, and then find out the road is closed and there is no place to turn around. He called Rusty Fowler at INDOT, and asked for someone to check and put up an additional sign on State Road 66 to avoid that problem.

Lloyd said she had spoken to Rusty Fowler also about taking down the light at Old 231 and Highway 70. Fowler said there was no reason it couldn't come down, he will find someone that can give us a price of what it would cost to keep it going.

Lloyd asked if we wanted to spend an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year to stripe district roads. She asked the Commissioners to think it over and let her know what they would like to do. Toler asked Lloyd to get hold of Eric Parsley and see where the counties drawings are for Luce Township Sewer Project. Lloyd said she would see what she could find out.

Legal Report

Lindsey said he had two ordinances on the Personnel Policies Handbook: do you want to have a first reading or consider them at the next meeting.

Gogel said he felt we could go ahead with the first reading and make a final decision at the next meeting.

Lindsey explained that Ordinance 2013-07 is the ordinance to clarify the definitions of employment classifications.

Toler made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 2013-07 for the amendment to the County Handbook regarding employment classifications. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

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Next Ordinance, 2013-08 is the Ordinance regarding the sick bank. Logsdon was going to get some information on this, and since he wasn't present the Commissioners decided to wait until the next meeting to do anything on this particular ordinance.

Lindsey reported that the Plan Commission was having a meeting on Thursday, August 23rd at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the Confined Feeding Operation.

Sara Arnold presented a contract for the Kimball State Appeal with the Nexus group attorney. Lindsey said he had looked it over and everything was in order. Toler made a motion to approve the contract with the Nexus group attorney. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved. Arnold said she would present the contract for the appraiser at the next meeting.

Bid Openings

County Roads 1250 E and 1025 N

Engineers Estimate \$622,955

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| 1. Gohmann Asphalt | \$559,785. |
| 2. E&B Paving | \$669,437. |
| 3. JH Rudolph | \$566,348. |
| 4. Metzger Construction | \$642,918. |

Toler made a motion to have the County Engineer take the bids under advisement. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Lloyd checked the bids and said that the low bid was Gohmann at \$559,785 and her recommendation was to award the bid to Gohmann Asphalt. Toler made a motion to award the bid for County Road 1250 E and 1025 N to Gohmann Asphalt for \$559,785. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Gogel asked for public comments.

Lloyd said that Alicia Shelton from Luce Township had responded to her and she will send a CD with the drawings on it and Lloyd will print out the drawings.

Toler asked Painter if he had heard anything on the big hole at Troy Refinery. Painter said they had dirt stockpiled up there, hopefully it would be enough, we are supposed to start pumping water out of there next week. Painter said he talked to Englert and he was going to correspond with Brian Kleeman to get it set up to start on Tuesday.

Ray Striegel

Striegel from Dale explained that the Town of Dale had taken over the old state garage building, and lets the county keep salt stored in there with the understanding that Dale could use a little salt if they needed it. The roof now needs to be replaced and they would like the county to help with the expense of the repair. He presented two estimates; one was a shingle roof at the cost of \$53,867. The other estimate was for a rubberized roof at \$32,000, and this estimate is the one the Town of Dale would like to go with. After some discussion, Gogel said let us discuss it with the Council and see what they think.

Kent Groves

Groves spoke on behalf of the Chrisney Fire Department and explained that they would like to have more money from the AK Steel Settlement Fund to pay for the Rescue/Medical fire truck that they purchased. They have no problem with what they have received; they would like to receive more. Gogel explained that the first step for them to take would be to go before the Redevelopment Commission. Mason Seay also spoke for the fire department, and said they weren't asking for any excess money, just enough to pay for the truck. We mainly wanted to speak to you and let you know what was going on.

Old Business

Toler asked Kati Richard if they were still getting the static on the radios, and she said yes they were. Richard said she had talked to Mark Lautner about changing the PL tone on one radio to see if that would take care of the problem and he explained that it would have to be changed on both radios, otherwise one may still be receiving the noise burst.

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Auditor Lynam let the Commissioners know that one employee in the Auditor's office was retiring and an ad had been placed in the local papers for the position. Gogel said since no one else follows the guidelines that are set out in the handbook we need to discuss whether we want to keep this in place or change it.

New Business

Bethel Church asked for permission to use the Courthouse lawn on September 24th for Meet you at the Pole at 7:00 P.M.

Toler made a motion to approve permission for Bethel Church to use the Courthouse lawn on September 24th. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Toler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

President

Attest: